(e) what corrective steps have been taken to stop overcharging and do justice to the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Report of the committee on Rifampicin

128. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 61 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state :

(a) whether the high powered committee set up for reviewing various aspects of anti-TB and anti-Leprosy drug Rifampicin has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The representations received for increase in the present sale price of Rs. 2500 per kg. in respect of Rifampicin bulk drug are under consideration but a final decision has not yet been taken.

Fixation of Drug Prices

129. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are rulings to the effect that prices of drugs once fixed are valid till they are revised;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a ruling that the prices fixed cannot be revised from retrospective effect ;

(d) whether it is a fact that this Ministry has given hearings to settle the prices first fixed under DPCO, 1979 and another hearing to resettle the same prices after sometime; and

(e) if so, what are the details of such instances and appropriate authority who is overstepping the rulings and provisions of DPCO, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The prices of scheduled drugs are fixed revised from time to time under the provisions of DPCO, 1987.

(d) and (e) Since the prices of certain drugs involved in the Supreme Court case had not been revised since 1980, a decision was taken to give hearing to the companies concerned on their price revision application for prices after 31st December, 1983.

Recommendations of Kelkar Committee

130. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Undstarred Question 3006 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the details of recommendations which are still under consideration;

(b) by when his Ministry will finalise the decision on all the recommendations;

(c) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee made certain recommendations apart from the terms of reference of the Committee; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a), (c) and (d) All the recommen-